SHRI SURESH KALMADI: One of the malpractices of the LPG dealers is very very recent. The Government has hiked the price of LPG for industrial purposes and for hotels and that has nearly doubled the price. In the last one month we have seen a new phenomena, namely, that LPG dealers are selling consumers cylinders at a price above the consumer price to the industry. And black-marketing has been started. In view of the experience of the Government for the last one month, will the Government reconsider the policy of dual pricing so that there is no black-marketing.

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: There is another method of checking up this complaint. We have issued a list of commercial users to each distributor. They cannot supply any gas cylinders to anybody else—other than those who are included in that list.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: They are getting the cylinder at Rs. 70/- each.

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Whenever a complaint is received, definitely strong action will be taken.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Power deficit in the Country

*165. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the power deficit in 1985-86 in each of States and Union Territories and the estimated deficit in 1986-87;

(b) the present plant load factor in the country as compared to that of 1977; and

(c) the estimated power deficit left at present, if the 1977 PLF is maintained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The State-wise deficit during 1985-86 and 1986-87 is given in the enclosed statement laid on the Table of the House. (See below)

(b) The Plant Load Factor during 1986-87 was 53.2 per cent whereas it was 50.9 per cent in 1977-78.

(c) The present plant load factor is better than that in 1977-78 and on the basis of 1977-78 PLF the deficit would have been higher.

Statement

State-wise power deficit during 1985-86 *and* 1986-87.

Name of the State	1985-86 Deficit(%)	1986-87 Deficit(%)
1	2	3
NORTHERN REGION		
Haryana	23.3	13.4
Himachal Pradesh	0.4	0.3
Jammu & Kashmir	15.2	11.5
Punjab Inc. NFF	8.9	4.1
Rajasthan	7.4	7.9
Uttar Pradesh	12.2	14.9
Delhi	0.2	—
Chandigarh	3.9	7.2
TOTAL (NORTHERN REGION)	10.7	9.5

1	2	3
WESTERN REGION		
Gujarat	1.8	3.4
Madhya Pradesh	0.1	—
Maharashtra Inc. Goa	1.7	6.5
TOTAL (WESTERN REGION)	1.4	4.2
SOUTHERN REGION		
Andhra Pradesh	—	—
Karnataka	22.2	26.9
Kerala	—	7.6
Tamil Nadu	10.5	8.6
TOTAL (SOUTHERN REGION)	9.3	11.0
EASTERN REGION		
Bihar	28.0	26.9
West Bengal	5.4	8.7
D.V.C.	9.5	16.2
Orissa	19.2	24.0
TOTAL (EASTERN REGION)	13.8	17.7
NORTH-EASTERN REGION	3.6	6.2
ALL INDIA	7.9	9.4

Oil Selection Board

*166. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 166 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the date on which the term of the existing Oil Selection Board ends and when the new Board is likely to be reconstituted; and

(b) whether the new Board will be reconstituted on the old lines or whether any change is proposed in the new Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The term of the four Oil Selection Boards ended in June, 1986. While Oil Selection Board (South) has been reconstituted in March, 1987, the other three Boards are likely to be reconstituted shortly.

(b) No change in the constitution of these Boards is proposed.